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Cancel claims 1 and 2. Claims 3-10 remain in the application.

REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.32, an affidavit of Nicholas Airdo attesting to the sufficiency of the disclosure as of June 21, 1995, is being concurrently submitted with this amendment. The affidavit is further modified to include additional references to the specification.

Claim 3 recites a method of remote monitoring of computers on a network comprising, among other things, the steps of sending a network verification command from a monitor computer to a target computer, and responding with a network verification code from the target computer to the monitor computer.

The Hirosawa et al. reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,557,736, discloses a job transfer method using an email system. However, the reference does not teach or suggest the steps of sending a network verification command from a monitor computer to a target computer, and responding with a network verification code from the target computer to the monitor computer.

Therefore, claim 3 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the Hirosawa reference. Claims 4-9 depend from a patentable base claim and therefore are also patentable.

Claim 10 recites a method of remote monitoring of computers on a network comprising, among other things, the steps of sending a network verification command from a monitor computer to a target computer, and responding with a network verification code from the target computer to the monitor computer.

As discussed above, the Hirosawa reference does not teach or suggest either the step of sending a network verification command from a monitor computer to a target computer, or the step of responding with a network verification code from the target

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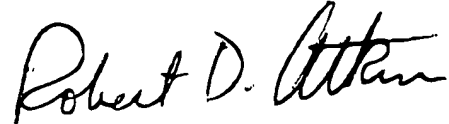
computer to the monitor computer.

Therefore, claim 10 is believed to be patentably distinguishable over the Hirosawa reference.

Reconsideration of the subject application in light of the foregoing amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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